

Amendment to the Specification:

Rewrite the first paragraph following the heading Detailed Description, beginning on line 15 of page 4, to read as follows:

Referring to the drawing, a multicarrier system includes a DMT (discrete multitone) transmitter 10 and a DMT receiver 12 which are coupled via respective hybrid circuits 14 and 16 to a transmission path 18, for example a two-wire telephone subscriber line, for communicating signals in what is referred to here as a downstream direction from the transmitter 10 to the receiver 12. An upstream transmitter (not shown, but which can be similar to the transmitter 10) within a transceiver, such as a Customer Premises Transceiver, that includes receiver 12, is coupled to the hybrid circuit 16, and an upstream receiver (not shown, but which can be similar to the receiver 12) within another transceiver, such as a Central Office Transceiver, that includes transmitter 10, is coupled to the hybrid circuit 14, for communicating signals in the opposite, upstream, direction via the path 18. For example, the system may be an ADSL (asymmetric digital subscriber line) system in which the transmitted bit rate is greater in the downstream direction from the Central Office Transceiver to the Customer Premises Transceiver than in the upstream direction from the Customer Premises Transceiver to the Central Office Transceiver.